Exim Policy Schemes like Duty Exemption Scheme and Export Capital Goods Scheme. The recent Exim Policy announced by the Government on the 31st March, 2001, also envisages the entitlement of Agri exporters for recognition as Export House / Trading House / Star Trading House / Super Star Trading House on achieving 1/3rd of the threshold limit prescribed for exports of other goods.

Disaster management centres

3539. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the first disaster management centre has recently been commissioned in the national capital;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether such centres have come up in other States too;

(d) if so, the names thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) As per information received from the Government of NCT of Delhi, a Disaster Management Centre was commissioned at Nehru Place Fire Station of Delhi Fire Service by providing a crane, ambulance, rescue tender and a unit containing rescue equipment to be managed by a team of personnel from Delhi Police.

(c) to (e) No information is available from other States for having a similar setup, but all the States have a mechanism to respond to disasters, which is a coordinated effort of all responders.

Purchasing power of working class in agricultural sector

3540. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that purchasing power of the working class in agricultural sector has gone down in previous years in the country;

(b) if not, what is Government's assessment in this regard;